PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

Parents, Staff and Caregivers,

Term 4: Welcome back to school. I’m sure everyone has enjoyed their holidays including our students who visited Segakuin School to learn more about Japan. A special welcome to all new students and families who have moved into the local area. You’ll find that Mountain Creek is a place where we care, share and learn together.

Class Placements for 2018: We’ll begin to look at possible class models for next year during this term. The policy of the school is to maintain a very strong focus on our current year to maximise learning potential, while taking initial steps to ensure that classes are prepared carefully for the next year.

Parents can advise teachers about social issues relating to their child (clashes with peers) or specific support for learning. Teachers will take this into account when helping to design balanced classes across the school. Teachers will record key information so it can be used. However, where major concerns exist these should be raised with the Deputy Principal supervising the year level.

Exceptional circumstances will be reviewed by the Principal, Deputy Principal or Head of Special Education. At these face to face interviews a report will be kept for reference. Exceptional circumstances are those which require a student to be placed in a particular class or setting due to major issues such as disability, professionally documented anxiety or a concern that would impact on placement. It is the policy of the school not to consider requests for specific teachers as we are a school that values teamwork and the input of all our staff. Should you need to meet with administrative staff, appointment times are available from Week 2 (Wednesday, 11 October 2017) until the end of Week 4 (Friday, 27 October 2017). It is important that we use these timelines as later weeks of the term will be busy with assessment and reporting. When you ring the office with details, an appointment will be made as required.

2018 Prep Enrolments: Future Prep students for next year will have introductory activities at the school on the Pupil Free Day in Week 3 of Term 4 (Monday morning session, 16 October 2017). It is vital that all future students have
completed their enrolment forms (and exemption forms if from outside our zone) prior to this event. Forms are available at the office or on our website. Further advice can be obtained by emailing 2018PrepEnrolment@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au.

Spring Fair Thanks: With many things happening at the end of last term, I wanted to make sure we acknowledged the amazing success of the Spring Fair event. It was an amazing opportunity for our community to celebrate together and raise approximately $28000 for future air-conditioning for the school.

Our stage performers including students, staff and community members helped the Laser Light show add a unique highlight for the night. We’d like to thank all local businesses who supported the event. These have been recognised previously, but we’ve included them again in this newsletter. Our P and C FaceBook site shows many of our sponsors and key supporters.

I’d like to acknowledge our wonderful Spring Fair team. We extend a huge thanks to our committee. Our committee members had 6 months of continuous meetings, midnight emails and texts to make sure everything was covered. Mel Holden (co coordinator), Kelly Fisher, Kara Bowen, Lana Reid, Tawnie Kernaghan, Nakita Waters, Kylie Imeri, Felicity Turpin, Gwen Farrelly, Alicia Barry and Kathryn Trinder comprised the hardworking team.

Also, thanks to Ross Helmore who solved a range of facility needs and Jamie Blanch who managed audio needs and volunteer bookings. Great work everyone. The Spring Fair was a huge success.

Rob Van den Heuvel
Principal

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KIDS ART WORK CALENDARS

Last term, as part of the Spring Fair fundraiser, all children completed amazing art in class with the intention of offering it to parents and other family members to buy as calendars, mouse pads, cards or diary covers.

You will soon receive a code to check your children’s completed art and to order some great gifts (which will become a memento). You are able to order multiple copies of one item or even different items from the same piece of art. Everyone can have something different!!!

Remember to share with your extended family as they make great gifts for Christmas and can easily be posted overseas. As the calendars etc are clearly labelled with your child/children’s names and ages, they will become a treasured keepsake. The calendars and diaries include public holidays and term dates. Here is a brief description of the goods; of course, you will be given more information later.

Start planning!

Many thanks 4T and 4W

- **Calendars:** High quality laminated A4 print of your child’s own artwork, wire bound to a 12 month tear off calendar. Includes public holidays and school terms. Premium Calendars have a matt-satin finish on the cover art and include a 12 month planner at the back.
- **Cards:** Each pack of 8 cards features your child’s own artwork, with artist’s name and age printed on the reverse. Packs come shrink-wrapped with quality red envelopes.
- **Diaries:** Hard cover A5 size (148 x 210 mm) diary with a strong spiral wire bind featuring your child’s own artwork on the cover. Artist’s name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.
- **Mouse Mats:** Personalised artwork, heated on to a high quality, 5 mm, neoprene mouse mat. These are lightweight and ideal for sending overseas.
- **Sketch Pads:** Features your child’s artwork on card with a protective plastic cover. Strong wire binding, 50 x A5 size pages of blank art paper and a hard plastic cover at the back.

2017 HANDBALL COMPETITION

The 2017 Handball Competition begins in week 3 for children in Years 2 to 6. Entries will be accepted up until 3 pm on Friday, 13 October 2017. Please see your teacher for an entry form and return it to the office with 50c in a clearly marked envelope.

Mr Wockner will have the draws ready in Week 3. The draw for Years 4 to 6 will be posted in the Year 4/5 eating area. Year 3 in the Year 3 eating area, and Year 2 on classroom doors in C Block. Students will be responsible for organising a game against their opponent and recording results on the draw.
“Hello!” “It’s nice to meet you!” were the welcoming greetings that our Mountain Creek students along with Mrs Chaplin and Dwan Sensei received when we arrived at our Japanese sister school, Seigakuin in Tokyo during the September School holidays.

Students and teachers were able to attend a Japanese school, live with a Japanese family, attend the ‘School Fair’ and take in traditional and modern sights of Japan.

Each of the students described the experience in a few words and this is what they had to say –

Luke – Amazing, Great, Awesome  
Caleb – A journey of self-development and heart breaking to say farewell  
Hayden – Amazing!  
Daniel – Awesome x 5  
Caitlin – Incredible and emotional  
Izzy – Sooooo much fun!  
Stephanie – Mind blowing, exciting, sad to say goodbye

While it was sad to say goodbye we are able to hold onto the memories and friendships that we have made and look forward to meeting again one day.
IN THE CLASSROOM WITH 2AK

2K and 2A are having a great time combining technology, science, maths and oral language in their lessons. Each day they’re reviewing the weather site and mapping their weather findings on the interactive white board as well as their iPads. They’re tracking the weather daily to make comparisons across the weeks, months and term.

2A and 2K have also been working on their readers theatre. The children have read scripts over a few weeks and then turned the scripts into short skits to entertain other groups. Keep up the great work Creekers!

YEAR 3 SELF PORTRAITS

Here is a sample of some of the self portraits that 3JB created last term. Can you tell who these self portraits are of? Well done 3JB on your fabulous pieces of art!
What a fantastic way for the Year 6s to finish Term 3 with the annual Boland/Pearton League Tag Cup. Each Year 6 class nominated 2 teams and the teams played in pools with a final being played at the end of the day between the winners of each pool. The standard of play from all teams was of a high level and all games were played in the right spirit, with awesome teamwork and sportsmanship.

There were outstanding performances from the Munster Madness, Super Slippery Slaters, Wally’s Kings, Preston Potatoes and Thurston Thrashers, just to name a few. The final was played between Slaters Slayers (6E) and Greeny’s Gladiators (6GH). This final game was played at a frantic pace with blistering attack and barnstorming defence. It was end to end excitement! The two finalists were unable to be split at fulltime with the end result being a draw. Both teams were presented the trophy by the legendary Mr Ron Pearton (former MCSS HPE Teacher and trophy namesake) which they will share as joint winners.

A big congratulations and thank you to all of the students, teachers and NRL Trainee Development Officers who helped make the day a huge success.
Mental Health Week aims to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing among Queenslanders, during the week of 8–14 October 2017.

The theme for 2017 is to value mental health.

Mental Health Week provides an important opportunity for our school community to:

- Promote mental health and wellbeing
- Create understanding of mental illness
- Celebrate the lives of people living with mental illness.

Did you know?

- About half of all Australians experience mental illness in their lifetime.
- About one in five Australians experience a mental health issue in any one year.

There are many ways we can promote positive mental health. Have you considered?

- Relaxation to improve wellbeing. Make meditation, mindfulness and exercise part of your daily routine.
- Acts of kindness connect us with others and help us feel good about ourselves.
- Connect with others. Connect through family, school, work, hobbies or clubs. Staying connected helps us to protect our mental health.

For more information, please visit: [https://www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au/](https://www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au/)

Have a great week.

Louise Blanch
Guidance Officer

Our Year 4 to 6 students, teachers and available parents enjoyed the Cyber Safety presentation that took place on Monday, 11 September 2017. The presenter really enjoyed speaking with our students and hearing their questions and answers. With students engaged more and more online as part of life we hope that the session has encouraged some positive discussions about online safety at home.

A support guide was shared with those parents who attended but is also available online for parents and caregivers who couldn’t attend - [Online awareness: information for parents and caregivers](#).
Hi Everyone.

After a wonderful, relaxing, long service leave in Term 2, I was ready to go for a busy term 3. I have enjoyed this last term and will continue to work hard and do my best to get as much done as possible. Here is an example of what the Chaplaincy Service has been up to in Term 3:

**Students/Chappy Cares:** Ongoing practical and emotional support (for anxiety, depression, anger management, friendship issues, loneliness, separation in families, illnesses, etc.,) provided too many students and families in the community over a range of needs. Examples of practical support include:

- Care Cupboard (Second hand uniforms and Stationary) – lots of children have been provided with these this term from donations received from the Community.
- New shoes - 21 pairs of new shoes have arrived (Better Future for Kidz Program) and many pairs have already been given out to children in need.
- Food parcels to families experiencing difficult times financially, families who are battling illness/disease/loss of loved one and families involved in Domestic Violence (Provided by Immanuel Lutheran Church)
- Vouchers (Target and Woolworths Vouchers supplied by Buderim Foundation and Mooloolaba Uniting Church Op Shop) for struggling families.

**The Spring Fair Chaplaincy Stand:** The Chaplaincy Service is very grateful to the P and C for giving us a stand at the Spring Fair to promote the Service. Amanda Morrell helped me create an awesome stand with some great ideas to create awareness around what the service does and how important it is for the school (e.g. ‘The Chappy Chain of Care’ - where students could write something about what the Chaplaincy Service or Chappy has done for them and link it to a paper chain). It was a great opportunity to chat with parents and kids, past and present, and promote the Chaplaincy Service.

**Chappy Brekkie:** The Brekkie Program has been running very smoothly this term with no hitches. We have 20 volunteers who are on the roster. We are feeding hundreds of students each week and the music and games also provide a great place for parents and students to relax, play together and have fun. Many parents are attending now and are playing with their children or interacting with other parents.

**Kidsmatter Committee Member:** I am part of this committee and contribute to meetings as well as each week sending out a Happy Schools article to support staff at the school. The article is written by professionals who give some important strategies and tips in managing stress and building staff morale. The MC staff appreciates this very much.

Thanks so much for all your support. It really is a privilege to work here at Mountain Creek.

Chappy Ant
School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their YouthSaver Account through School Banking earn Dollar-mites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards. The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk
- Set Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever school banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

2. **In branch** - Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

Mountain Creek School Banking Day is **WEDNESDAY**. Please drop your deposit books at the school office by 9am.

Happy Banking!

Sue

**TUCKSHOP**

Is there a special birthday coming up?

Take the stress out of birthday celebrations and get the Tuckshop to make your birthday cakes for you. All they need is 24 hours notice.
Spring Fair

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2017 PRIORITIES

Building skills to improve spelling writing.

Promoting high achievement for all.


COMMUNITY NEWS

If you need support why not email chappy@mtncrekss.eq.edu.au
OR leave a message at the Office.

Please support our café as it is operated by our P and C Association
If you are looking for a healthy ‘take-away’ at the end of a busy day Café Connect can offer you

Café Connect now has more Gluten Free options available—ask today

Family Frittata $25.00
Family Lasagne $40.00
Quiche $20.00
Whole cakes $30.00

Weekly specials:
Check the blackboard for our weekly specials

REMINDER
Please NO school children in the café before school without an adult

No lights, No lycra
Global dance community
Dancing here – Thursdays
www.nolightsnolycra.com

Little Kickers
Queries - Alex 0458782922
Thursday (school oval)
4.10 - 5.00pm 'Mega Kickers', 5 - 7th b'day
Saturday (school hall)
8.30 - 9.15am 'Little Kickers', 1½ - 2yrs 3mths
9.20 - 10.05am 'Junior Kickers', 2 - 3½ yrs
10.15 - 11.00am 'Mighty Kickers', 3½ - 5th b'day
11.10 - 11.55am 'Mighty Kickers', 3½ - 5th b'day